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SCREW TO A BONE PLATE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed.

The above items are considered pertinent in that they relate to bone fixing devices, and further because they were cited against applicant's counterpart European patent application no. 00810406.9. Also attached is a copy of the Search Report by the European Patent Office (together with an English translation thereof) in which these references were cited and which lists the U.S. patent numbers corresponding to the cited foreign references.

It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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